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Your Contributions Make a World of Difference

While serving in Iraq, Army Reservist Dwayne Cole was shot in the neck and became paralyzed from the chest down. Upon returning to the States, the couple had to relocate to a new city to be closer to the Spinal Cord Injury Unit where Dwayne could receive care for his injury.

Shontel, his wife, was pregnant with their first child and anxious about being far from friends and family. The couple worried about how she would get to the hospital if she went into labor in their new home and could not drive to the hospital.

With the aid of a CFC-O-funded organization, Dwayne and Shontel received the help of a local doula. She provided four weeks of pre-delivery care, was on call 24-7 to respond to



any urgent situations, accompanied the family to the delivery, and then provided four weeks of post-partum care.

The CFC-O charity covered the cost of all her services, which proved to be a priceless contribution to the family's well-being.

In addition, the organization found another non-profit that helps military spouses and war-wounded family members find careers to fit their needs. Through this organization, Shontel found a work-from-home job.

Today, the future is much brighter for this incredibly positive couple thanks to the help they received during their time of need. They have a healthy baby named Ahjani, and Shontel has a career that enables her to continue to care for her baby and her husband.

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Fundraisers: A Welcome Addition to Your Campaign

The economic crisis worldwide has caused an increased need for charitable assistance, however the decline in donations means that many of these organizations are struggling to be able to keep up with the demand. Offering the 100% informed opportunity to give in your AOR is the best way to help. But, holding a fundraiser in your unit or installation is an excellent way to get the community involved and to supplement the campaign.

OPM's guidelines for CFC fundraisers can be found in 5 CFR, Part 950 .602 (b-c). Please be sure to also check with your local legal office for approval.

By planning extra events, NAS Sigonella has increased the funds raised for charities by 35% over their 2010 campaign results.

SIGONELLA, Sicily – Various commands and organizations from Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella launched coin drives starting Oct. 6, as a part of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

“The number one reason people give to charity is because they were asked,” said Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Irene Long, Sigonella's CFC fundraising coordinator. “My role is to ensure that we, as a base, come together and try to raise money as well. I promise you will see us around the bases with our signs with the CFC logo,” said Long. “You will have the opportunity to make a pledge, which is tax deductible. If you don't know what organization to give to, the family support and youth programs (FSYP) is a good one because you are giving back to your community”.



Volunteers held a fundraiser during Autumnfest on Sigonella

The NAS Sigonella CFC will be involved in several events through Dec.2, including a jail and bail, barbecues and grocery-bagging at NAS Sigonella's commissary.

Party-in-a-Box Winners!

The below 3 CAPO areas will be receiving birthday party supplies for 50 and an AAFES gift card for \$20 to hold their 50th Anniversary CFC-O Party!

Madrid, Spain	67.1%
17th Air Force	42.1%
Geilenkirchen	41.8%

There are still 7 more chances to win.

What your Dollars can Do!

A donation of \$52 per year (\$1 per week/\$4.33 per month) buys...

- private tutoring sessions for 12 elementary school students in reading and math.
- bilingual beginning-to-read books for 10 children to build early literacy skills.
- Three 30-minute counseling sessions for individuals facing physical, developmental or mental health challenges.

A donation of \$260 per year (\$5 per week/\$21.66 per month) buys...

- five wigs for children with cancer undergoing chemotherapy.
- clothing, shoes and a winter coat for one individual who has lost everything in a home fire.
- temporary shelter for a family of four for three nights following a disaster, or shelter for 10 people for one night.
- Gas or power service for an elderly or disabled person who has been threatened with a utilities termination notice.

Website Connection

Want to learn about CFC-O supported organizations that help wounded warriors?

Use the “Charity Search” button on cfcoverseas.org.

Want to read more stories about wounded warriors that have received assistance from CFC-O supported charities?

Check out their stories in the “Publicity Kit” on cfcoverseas.org.

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